

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/KR2005/001596

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

(See the Extra Sheet.)

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7 D06F 37/26

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7 D06F 39/12, 39/00, 39/14, 37/26

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
Korean Patents and applications for inventions since 1975
Korean Utility models and applications for Utility models since 1975Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 02-4592 U (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO., LTD.) 12 Jan. 1990	1
Y		2, 5-10, 26-27, 30-40, 43-47, 57-59
Y	JP 07 - 24184 A (SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.) 27 Jan. 1995	2, 5-10, 26-27, 30-40, 43-47, 57-59
Y	KR 1999 - 16513 U (LG ELECTRONIC CO., LTD.) 25 May 1999	2, 5-10, 26-27, 30-40, 43-47, 57-59
A	JP 56 - 153381 U (GENERAL CO., LTD.) 17 Nov. 1981	1-59
A	KR 1999 - 31352 U (DAEWOO ELECTRONIC CO., LTD.) 26 Jul. 1999	1-59


☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application as follows:

Claims 1-8 and 39-45, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including first and second coupling structures, and a console including third and fourth coupling structures, and to an assembly method of a washing machine console;

Claims 9-10 and 46-47, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a rear panel provided with a slot, and a console including a front protrusion and a rear protrusion;

Claims 11-18 and 48-52, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a bottom protrusion coupling portion, and a console including a front protrusion and a bottom protrusion, the console being slidably connected to the top cover;

Claims 19-25 and 53-56, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a fastener fixing portion, and a console including a front protrusion and a fastener insertion hole, the console being slidably connected to the top cover;

Claims 26-30 and 57, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a bottom protrusion coupling portion defining an insertion slot, and a console including a front protrusion and a bottom protrusion;

Claims 31-34 and 58-59, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a hook coupling portion defining an insertion slot; and a console including a front protrusion and a hook; and

Claims 35-38, directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console comprising a top cover including a front protrusion coupling portion and a hook coupling portion defining an insertion slot, a front protrusion, and a hook including an elastic portion;

All the claims mentioned above are directed to an assembly structure of a washing machine console and an assembly method of a washing machine console, but do not have any technical feature in common. In addition, there are no common or corresponding characteristics for solving the problem proposed in each claim.

Therefore, this application is considered to lack unity of invention.